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In re Application of)	COLLUKA, et al.
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Title)	REFRACTORY PLATE FOR A DEVISE
)	FOR THE INSERTION AND/OR
)	REMOVAL OF A NOZZLE FOR A
)	CASTING INSTALLATION COMBINED
)	WITH A SLIDING PLATE FLOW-
)	CONTROL DEVISE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims of the National Stage application as indicated on the attached sheets. Applicants request early and favorable action on pending claims 10-18.